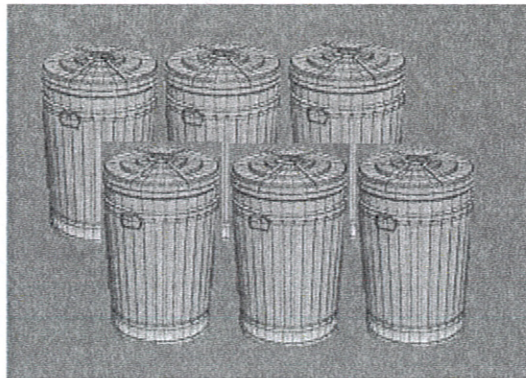


Express Garbage Service Saves Time



A load of up to six 32-gallon cans (as illustrated above) or six 32-gallon bags qualifies as Express Garbage.



Bulky items (as illustrated above) or loose garbage do not qualify as Express Garbage.

Customers now find getting rid of cans or bags of household garbage takes less time at the Central Transfer Station (CTS) in Centralia.

The Garbage Express Service became available on a trial basis at the CTS on Nov. 1 and allows customers to dispose of up to six 32-gallon cans or six 32-gallon bags of household refuse without driving to the tipping floor, then waiting in an outbound line to pay. Express Service customers pay a flat fee of **\$10 cash only—no checks or credit cards**—at the inbound scale upon arrival and proceed to the Recycle Area where a 40-yard box is available for garbage. Customers using the Garbage Express service do not need to return to the scale and may exit the facility from the

Recycle Area after disposing of their trash. **Garbage must be brought to the CTS in a can or bag, not hauled loosely. Bulky items, such as furniture, cannot be included in this service.**

Solid Waste Technicians at the CTS came up with the Garbage Express idea as a way to reduce customer waiting time in the outbound line on busy days. Typically, busy days are Saturdays and Mondays.

Express Garbage Service is not available at the East Lewis County Transfer Station in Morton.

For more information or comments, please call 360-740-1451 or 360-740-1481.

No Change to Transfer Station Hours During Holidays

The Central Transfer Station in Centralia and the East Lewis County Transfer Station in Morton will be open on Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd. The Central Transfer Station's normal hours are Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and the East Lewis County Transfer Station's normal hours are Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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REDUCE ♦ RE-USE ♦ RECYCLE

Trim Your Holiday Waste

Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year, creating 5 million tons of garbage or about 1 million extra tons per week. Here are some easy ways to reduce holiday waste:

- Buy a durable gift rather than cheaper, less durable items that may wear out quicker, creating waste.
- Send electronic Christmas cards as a way to reduce paper waste.
- Reuse last year's gift bags, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows and boxes.
- Recycle wrapping paper, cards, and Christmas trees.
- Compost your food waste into a great natural fertilizer.
- Give homemade gifts, candy and pastries.
- Give gift certificates or tickets to a sporting event or movie to cut down on bulky gifts.
- Make new holiday ornaments and décor out of something old.
- Plan shopping in advance, which will reduce the number of trips and save money and fuel. You'll also make wiser gift choices.
- Save energy by turning off or unplugging holiday lights during the day. This will also help your lights last longer.
- Reduce waste by using your own camera instead of a disposable one. You don't have to use film and only have to print the pictures you want with a digital camera.
- Don't throw away leftovers from holiday meals! Give guests care packages or donate unopened food packages to the local food bank.
- Mail items that are easy to ship and don't need excess packaging.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Recycle your Christmas tree and let the Lewis County Master Gardeners and the Lewis County Master Recycler Composters run it through a chipper! Instead of going to the landfill, your Christmas tree can be reused in composts, spread on trails, or placed around plants.

Residential trees will be accepted outside the gate at the Central Transfer Station in Centralia 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 8. Please remove all decorations and tinsel. No flocked or artificial trees will be accepted; however, they may be disposed of at the transfer station where regular fees will be charged. **No trees from commercial operations will be accepted at the Christmas tree recycling area, but may be left inside the transfer station where the yard waste rate of \$60 per ton or \$5 for 160 pounds or less will be charged.** Listen to local radio broadcasts to learn when chipping will occur, as chips will be given away on a first-come-first-served basis. *Donations will be gladly accepted to support Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter programs!*

East Lewis County residents may leave trees for free at the East Lewis County Transfer Station, 6745 U.S. Highway 12, Morton, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Jan. 7. **Trees from commercial operations left at the Morton site will be charged the yard waste rate of \$60 per ton or \$5 for 160 pounds or less.** For questions, please call 740-1452, 360-496-5095 or 1-800-749-5980.



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